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SUBJ: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: GOC POLICY TOWARD CUBA

1. DURING APRIL 24 PRESS CONFERENCE, FONMIN DIRGEN JAVIER ILLANES SAID THAT CUBA SANCTIONS QUESTION IS NOT ON OASGA AGENDA BUT, IF OTHERS DESIRE TO RAISE THE QUESTION, "WE WILL MAINTAIN THE POSITION WE TOOK IN QUITO".

2. ILLANES SAID GOC IS CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NOW NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY RAISING THE SUBJECT, AND IT IS SURE THAT "OTHR COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT SHARE THIS POINT OF VIEW", SO THAT GOC WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVE. CONTINUING, JAVIER STATED GOC HAS "PROFOUND COMVICTION" ON THIS SUBJECT AND, OF OTHERS WANT TO RAISE IT, "WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY AND SAY IT; THERE ARE NOT DOUBTS IN THIS RESPECT. WE THINK THIS WILL ALSO BE THE POSITION OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT VOTED NEGATIVELY AT THE QUITO CONFERENCE. I AM SURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN THIS MATTER."

3. ILLANES THEN SERVED WARNING ON THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT APPROACH CUBAN ISSUE USING "TORTURED (ALAMBICADAS) OR ABNORMAL" LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS DIFFERENT THAN APPROACH USED IN QUITO. STATED THAT ALL FORMULAS DISCUSSED WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED ON LETTER AND SPIRIT OF TREATIES AND THAT "THERE WILL

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BE MANY COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD OBJECT" TO OVERSUBTLE LEGAL

INTERPRETATIONS CONCERNING A SUBJECT THAT WAS DISCUSSED "VERY CORRECTLY" IN QUITO.

4. COMMENT: APPEARS FROM ILLANES' REMARKS THAT GOC HAS CONSULTED OTHER COUNTRIES THAT SHARED ITS POSITION IN QUITO FM MEETING AND IS CONFIDENT THAT OPPOSITION TO REMOVING SANCTIONS REMAINS THE SAME. GOC WOULD PRESUMABLY AT LEAST INITIALLY OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT AT NEW INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES IN ORDER TO MAKE REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS EASIER.

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